Subject No. 400.

Transfer of Melkote to Krishnarajpete Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Melkote is now within the Seringapatam Taluk. It should be transferred to the Krishnarajpete Taluk to which it formerly belonged.

Dewan's reply.—This cannot be done.

Subject No. 401.

Summary disposal of petty Revenue cases by Amildars.

Summary of discussion.—Amildars should have power to dispose of petty revenue cases summarily as in former days.

Dewan's reply.—Impossible.

Subject No. 402.

Improvement of Irrigation works at Nagamangala.

Summary of discussion.—Nagamangala is a less favoured Taluk than either Mandya or Malvalli in respect of sources of irrigation. Consequently wet cultivation is at a discount. During the hot weather much difficulty is experienced for want of drinking water. It is desirable thus to spend as a special case a comparatively larger sum of money on the repairs of select irrigation works which will at once ensure adequate supply of drinking water and bring under wet cultivation a larger extent of land than now. This measure will have the advantage of both improving the condition of the raiyats and bringing in a larger revenue to Government. Several remunerative projects can be suggested.

[The Deputy Commissioner explained that Government was spending a large amount in this Taluk. For example, new tanks like Hornakere have been sanctioned and old channels like Sulikere have been restored.]

Dewan's reply.—We shall see whether more can be done.

Subject No. 403.

Government to do earthwork to tanks.

Summary of discussion.—The existing practice of requiring raiyats to execute earthwork and other works to tanks allowing them the rights of utilizing the grass grown on the banks and of fishing in the tanks is fraught with inconvenience. For while a few holders of lands below such tanks are residents of the village, a large majority of them are non-residents. In such cases as well as in the case where holders of lands are of various castes, the right allowed is not shared by all the holders of lands. It is desirable therefore to revert to the old practice of getting such work done by Government agency and selling the grass and fish on behalf of Government.

Dewan's reply.—No. The practice has always been as stated. The defaulter's work can be made good under the Rules.

Subject No. 404

Waste weirs of tanks not to be kept low.

Summary of discussion.—The Engineering Department should be asked not to keep waste weirs of tanks at a low level, as thereby the tank does not retain sufficient water and the crop fails. Waste weirs should be kept as high as is compatible with the safety of the tanks concerned. The neglect of silt dams also results in the gradual accumulation of silt in the tanks and diminution of their capacity. Probably